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RESUME OF TERRY W. TIERNAY

Commander Tiernay was born on 04 May 1947 in Honolulu, Hawaii where he remained for 6 months. Being the son of a naval officer, he spent his early school years moving throughout the United States. He graduated from California State University Northridge in 1974 with a Bachelor Degree in Earth Sciences. In 1982, he graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey receiving a Masters of Science in Information Systems.



After graduation from high school in Inglewood, California in 1965 he enlisted in the Navy attending boot camp in San Diego California. During four years of active and four years reserve duty he worked in the RADARMAN rate. Following separation from active duty, he participated in the Reserve Officer Candidate program and obtained his commission as an Ensign following completion OCS at Newport, Rhode Island. He then reported to Pensacola, Florida for Naval Flight Officer training but prior to graduation applied and was accepted for Intelligence training in Denver, Colorado. His first commissioned assignment was onboard USS Forrestal (CV-59), 1974-1976. Subsequent tours were with VAQ-137, 1976-79; CNO Intelligence Plot, 1979-81; NPS, 1981-82.

Following graduation from NPS, he returned to sea duty as assistant ship's intelligence onboard USS KITTY HAWK (CV-63), followed by a tour with NORAD/USSPACECOM in Colorado Springs, Colorado from 1984-87. Back to sea from 1987-89 as ship's intelligence officer USS RANGER (CV-61).

Completing 10 years of sea duty, Commander Tiernay reported to Naval Postgraduate school in October 1989 as the National Security Affairs/Intelligence Curriculum Officer.